

500 - And it's narrated from Buraydâ (رضي الله عنه) that the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said "The believer dies while his forehead is sweating". It was reported by the "Three", and ibn Hibbân (رحمه الله) authenticated it.

Sharh of Shaykh al-'Allāmah Sulaymān ibn Nāsir al-'Alwān (حفظه الله):

The author says this report was narrated by the "Three" [Imāms, i.e. Abū Dāwūd, al-Tirmidhī, al-Nasā'ī], all of them narrated it from the chain of Qatādah ibn Da'āmah al-Sadūsī (رحمه الله) from 'Abdūllāh ibn Buraydāh (رحمه الله) from his father (رحمه الله) from the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), Imām al-Tirmidhī (رحمه الله) says in his Jāmi' [i.e. Sunan al-Tirmidhī]: And some of the Scholars said: "We do not know if Qatādah heard from 'Abdūllāh ibn Buraydāh", and Imām al-Bukhārī (رحمه الله) mentioned in al-Tārīkh al-Kabīr that Qatādah (رحمه الله) didn't hear from 'Abdūllāh ibn Buraydāh (رحمه الله), and there's no doubt that Qatādah (رحمه الله) lived in the same time as ibn Buraydāh (رحمه الله), for around about 44 years, since ibn Buraydāh (رحمه الله) passed away in the year 105AH, whereas Imām Qatādah (رحمه الله) was born in the year 60AH, so thereupon some of the scholars said: "Qatādah not hearing from ibn Buraydah is held upon the Madhab of Imām Bukhārī by not accepting them being alive in the same time, and it must be proven that they met, even once" and this is disputable, and what's clear is that al-Bukhārī (رحمه الله) doesn't intend by this disconnection, this [quoted] view, and the narration has come through al-Nasā'ī from the chain of Kahmas (رحمه الله) from 'Abdūllāh ibn Buraydāh (رحمه الله) from his father (رحمه الله), and this chain is connected & authentic, and thereupon ibn Hibbān (رحمه الله) authenticated it in his Sahīh.

The Prophet's saying: {The believer dies while his forehead sweats} This is understood upon either one of the two ways:

1. That the believer dies by the sweat of his forehead through what he faced in hardships [in the Dunya] by seeking Halāl wealth, for indeed seeking lawful wealth requires tiredness, effort/discomfort and hardship.
2. That when the believer is experiencing a severe phase & is overcoming death, he dies while his forehead sweats, and this saying is possibly closer [to the truth] than the first saying, because the severe agony of death is an established matter in which there's no doubt about, and it has been narrated in the Sahīhayn from the Hadīth of Hilāl al-Wazān (رحمه الله) from 'Urwāh (رحمه الله) from 'Ā'isha (رضي الله عنها) that she said: {When the last moment of the life of Allah's Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) came he started putting his 'Khamīsah' on his face, and when he felt hot and short of breath he took it off his face}. [till the end of The Hadīth where the Prophet cursed the jews & christians for building places of worship on top of the graves of their Prophets]

So the agony of death is found within every person's last moment of life, except that some of them have the pain [of death] lessened upon them, and others have it intensified upon them.